

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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## CERTIFIED MAIL; RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Kerry C. Gee Vice President United Park City Mines Company P.O. Box 1450 Park City, Utah 84060

Mr. Kevin Murray Holland & Hart LLP 222 South Main Street, Suite 2200 Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Re:

Richardson Flat Tailings Site, Operable Units 2 and 3, Park City, Utah

Notification of Violation of Administrative Order on Consent Docket CERCLA-08-2014-0003

Dear Mr. Gee and Mr. Murray:

This letter is to notify you that United Park City Mines (UPCM) is in violation of the Administrative Order issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with an effective date of March 6, 2014, CERCLA Docket Number 08-2014-0003 (Administrative Order) and that penalties and interest are accruing.

Pursuant to paragraph 76 of the Administrative Order, UPCM is required to pay future response costs to the EPA within thirty (30) days following receipt of a bill unless UPCM contests payment of such costs in accordance with paragraph 78 of the Administrative Order. On August 25, 2016, EPA sent to UPCM a bill for future response costs in the amount of \$243,002.56 in accordance with the Administrative Order. At the request of UPCM, EPA provided backup documentation to the bill on October 6, 2016. Pursuant to the Administrative Order, payment was due within thirty days of having received the bill. To date, EPA has not received payment and UPCM has not complied with the provisions of paragraph 78 contesting payment, notifying EPA of the establishment of an interest bearing escrow account, or invoking dispute resolution procedures.

In accordance with paragraph 94(c) of the Administrative Order, stipulated penalties are now accruing in the amount of \$2,000 per day. Further, civil penalties may be assessed in accordance with paragraph 103 of the Administrative Order and section 122 (*l*) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §9622(*l*). In addition, interest on the unpaid bill is accruing pursuant to paragraph 77 of the Administrative Order.



Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further. I can be reached by phone at 303.312.6410.

Sincerely,

Amelia Piggott

**Enforcement Attorney** 

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cc: Sandra K. Allen, State of Utah

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